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# NEWS



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*Happy Holidays!*





# CONGRATULATIONS TO 1947 GRADUATES



1. Mary Martin, Fort Erie, Ontario
2. Teresa B. Kelly, Toronto, Ontario
3. Eileen Woodbyrne, Toronto, Ontario
4. Mary Llwyd, Haysville, Ontario
5. Margaret Carruthers, Guelph, Ontario
6. Ada Brophy, St. Augustine, Ontario
7. Mary Nowski, Hudson Bay Junction, Sask.
8. Margaret Brankin, Perth, Ontario
9. Lois Staffen, West Monkton, Ontario
10. Stella Goodrow, Hamilton, Ontario
11. Eunice Griffin, Verdun, Quebec
12. Teresa Hayes, Sheenboro, Quebec
13. Theresa McKenna, Loretto, Ontario
14. Yvonne Miron, Trenton, Ontario
15. Elizabeth Doyle, Toronto, Ontario
16. Margaret Gibbons, Iroquois, Ontario
17. Patricia Upshall, Toronto, Ontario
18. Mary Alice Murphy, Lindsay, Ontario
19. Therese M. Kelly, Toronto, Ontario
20. Teresa Neville, Douglas, Ontario
21. Anne O'Leary, Tottenham, Ontario
22. Madeleine Mate, Fort Erie, Ontario
23. Elaine Hopkins, Rosebank, Ontario
24. Burneice Carr, Ottawa, Ontario
25. Joan McKay, Toronto, Ontario
26. Monica Crook, Havelock, Ontario
27. Nadine Vancleef, Bracebridge, Ontario
28. Bernice Hughes, Georgetown, Ontario
29. Elizabeth Hornell, Ottawa, Ontario
30. Carmela Leger, Quebec, Quebec
31. Helen Korek, Fort Erie North, Ontario
32. Mary Barry, Renfrew, Ontario
33. Mary Willsher, Ottawa, Ontario
34. Stella Flynn, Niagara Falls, Ontario
35. Alice Maher, Cobalt, Ontario
36. Patricia Wittig, St. Catharines, Ontario
37. Delphine Curlook, Coniston, Ontario
38. Ann DesRoches, Penetang, Ontario
39. Frances Sylvain, Toronto, Ontario
40. Lorraine Heffron, Barrie, Ontario
41. Marguerite Legris, Haileybury, Ontario
42. Bernadette McGarity, Toronto, Ontario
43. Gloria Giaschi, Bracebridge, Ontario
44. Mary Catherine Cutler, Montreal, Quebec
45. Rita Burns, Renfrew, Ontario
46. Shirley Farrell, Blackwater, Ontario
47. Mary Louise Murphy, Regina, Saskatchewan
48. Therese Charpentier, Meadow Lake, Sask.
49. Wilma Meraw, Tweed, Ontario
50. Marie Funkhouser, Port Colborne, Ontario
51. Elizabeth Leslie, Port Credit, Ontario
52. Thelma Thurston, Port Colborne, Ontario
53. Loretta Forestell, Campbellford, Ontario
54. Rosemary Lee, Humberstone, Ontario
55. Julia Tusch, Preston, Ontario
56. Margaret Hannon, Toronto, Ontario
57. Maureen Shannon, Sutton West, Ontario
58. Marie McGarry, Antigonish, Nova Scotia
59. Mary Flynn, Niagara Falls, Ontario
60. Rose McIver, Staffa, Ontario
61. Josephine LoPresti, Toronto, Ontario
62. Eleanor Meyers, Toronto, Ontario
63. Marjorie Shephard, Toronto, Ontario
64. Mary Collins, Field, Ontario
65. Shirley Williams, Toronto, Ontario
66. Eileen Spence, Toronto, Ontario
67. Rosemary Bell, Copper Cliff, Ontario
68. Frances Coates, Toronto, Ontario



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## BEST WISHES

St. Michael's Nurses everywhere sent best wishes to Miss Alexandra Munn, on the occasion of her retirement as Director of the Nurse Registration Branch of the Ontario Department of Health. Miss Munn who has directed the welfare of Ontario nurses for the past twenty-three years, is well known to us all. We wish her much happiness and good health so that she may enjoy to the full the "best" years yet to come.

The Executive of the Alumnae had the extreme pleasure of entertaining some of the noted visitors who came here from the International Congress of Nurses, held at Atlantic City, N.J. The guests included Miss Marshallmead, an English Public Health Nurse in Worcester County, England, and Miss Adelaide Merry, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Yorkshire, England. The evening included dinner, and the Symphony concert and much agreeable exchange of ideas.

Welcome home to Dr. George Wilson. Dr. Wilson has been in the South after a prolonged illness.



## IS THIS THE ADDRESS YOU WANTED?

Mrs. Margart Bloye (Kelly)—316 Palace St. W.,  
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## MARCH MEETING OF ST. MICHAEL'S ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The March meeting of St. Michael's Alumnae Association was held on March 11th, at 8.00 p.m., in the Nurses' Residence, with Miss Margaret Regan presiding.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and an adoption was moved by Miss L. Riley and seconded by Miss M. O'Connor.

Miss O'Connor read the Treasurer's Report which gave a balance of \$1,854.90 in the General Fund and a balance of \$1,685.73 in the Scholarship Fund. Miss O'Connor moved the report be accepted and the motion was seconded by Miss Riley.

Miss Grace Murphy gave the report on Nursing Education—chief topics of the report being: (1) The increase in the number of graduates taking the Operating Room and Obstetrical Course; (2) the Graduation Exercises on Tuesday, May 27th; (3) Rededication Exercises on May 4th at the Cathedral.

A vote of thanks was moved by Miss K. Boyle, Editor of the News, to Sister M. Kathleen and Miss Grace Murphy, for their help during the year.

Miss Veronica Murphy gave a report on the Plan for Hospital Care, which included 265 members. She informed the members that the group would re-open in April for new and former subscribers.

It was moved by Miss O'Connor and seconded by Miss K. Boyle that part of the \$300 Scholarship \$150.00, be given to Miss Rita Lynch, who is taking the Post Graduate course in Obstetrics—Motion carried.

Mrs. LaFontaine moved a vote of thanks to those who helped with Christmas boxes and suggested that the next convener be appointed in October.

Miss Murphy conveyed a vote of thanks to the Alumnae from the T.B. patients who are enjoying the radios donated by the Alumnae.

Miss Anne Marie Quigley gave the report from the raffle and tea which was held on March 1st in the Assembly Hall.

Proceeds from the Tea .....	\$142.00
Proceeds from the Raffle .....	264.02

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Total Proceeds ..... \$406.02

It was moved by Miss Riley and seconded by Miss Murphy that Mrs. Stapley and the Active Membership Representative form a committee to entertain the graduating classes in an effort to increase the membership.

Miss Regan had a request from the Red Cross for volunteer workers to aid in serving 100 pupils hot lunches. This would involve getting the children from the schools, weighing and charting—

any time from 10.00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

As a request has come in from the Netherlands for a food parcel for a retired nurse, it was moved by Miss O'Connor and seconded by Mrs. K. Geis that this be sent.

It was moved by Miss L. Riley and seconded by Miss Brennan that the sum of \$100.00 be sent to the Holy Father's Relief Fund for starving children in Europe. This motion was vetoed and it was moved by Miss Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Geis that \$200.00 be sent to this worthy cause.—Motion carried.

In the report from Registry a letter concerning the Practice Act has been issued and sent to all Registry Members. It was suggested by Registry that a Committee of three (3) be set up in each hospital in the city to investigate criticisms and complaints. After some discussion this suggestion was vetoed by Rev. Sister Superior, and it was moved by Miss Crocker and seconded by Miss Brennan that the Council take care of such matters in conjunction with Sister St. Edward.—Motion carried.

Sister Louise gave a report on the question of refreshments for private duty nurses with the following conditions:

- (1) Relief must be arranged between the private duty nurses.
- (2) Time limited between 2.30 and 3.00.
- (3) Refreshments only—no parties.
- (4) No noise.
- (5) Room to be kept tidy.

Sister Louise also asked the nurses not to use night drop-lights with linen; nor to smoke in the dressing rooms. As to the question of discount on Hospital Bills, Sister Louise stated that single nurses received a discount of 50% on the room charge only—10% for married women. If they belong to the Blue Cross Plan, the discount is on the balance of their account, Staff Nurses comes under the Workmen's Compensation Board, and all nurses receive a 50% discount for X-rays.

It was moved by Miss Crocker, seconded by Miss Brennan, that pails of sand be placed in the locker rooms as cigarette receptacles. — Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon Sullivan and Mr. Robin Shea gave the legal aspect of the Practice Act and invoked a lively discussion and questionnaire. Miss K. Boyle moved a vote of thanks from the Alumnae for their interesting talk.

Graduation Dance is to be held Friday, June 6. Miss Margaret Loftus was appointed convener by Miss L. Riley, motion seconded by Miss M. Kraft.

It was moved by Rev. Sister M. Kathleen and seconded by Miss N. O'Connor that Miss Grace Murphy be the Alumnae representative to the I.C.N.A. Convention at Atlantic City.



A short resume of the year's activity was given by Miss Regan and a vote of thanks given to her Executive for their help during the year.

It was moved by Miss Grace Murphy and seconded by Miss L. Riley that Miss K. Meagher be appointed as Representative to the R.N.A.O.—Motion carried.

Miss Regan turned the chair over to Miss V. M. Murphy and business being concluded the meeting was adjourned.—Moved by Miss M. Regan—seconded by Miss C. Damon.

Elections were then held, results as follows:

**Honorary President—**Rev. Sr. Superior.  
**Honorary Vice-President—**Rev. Sr. M. Kathleen  
**President—**Miss Veronica Murphy  
**First Vice-President—**Miss Margaret McGarrell  
**Second Vice-President—**Miss Helen Pickett  
**Third Vice-President—**Miss M. Loftus.  
**Treasurer—**Miss Doreen Murphy  
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**Corresponding Secretary—**Mrs. Stella Travalo  
**Recording Secretary—**Miss Lois Huck  
**Press Representative—**Miss Marie Kraft  
**Active Membership—**Miss Genevieve Donovan  
**Associated Membership—**Mrs. K. Geis  
**Editor of the News—**Miss K. Boyle  
**Councillors—**Mrs. Scully, Miss N. O'Connor, Miss K. Boyle.

## Address by President to Graduates

**D**URING the last few weeks we have all been aware of numerous graduations taking place from various schools and colleges. It may seem, at first glance, that this is just another such occasion—one among many. But such a thought would be quite wrong, for this particular commencement is of great importance, representing as it does another advance in the noble profession of the healing arts.

Opportunities for advancement in the nursing profession have kept abreast of progress, so noted during this century in the entire field of science. It is right that techniques should match scientific accomplishments, and that the practical field should be exploited to the full. In view of this fact the Alumnae of St. Michael's Hospital constantly foster interest in post-graduate work. To this end an annual scholarship is awarded to one of the graduates in the field of public health. To show that it has a really continual concern for its members the (Assoc.) also offers a scholarship to an Alumna whose standing in the Association has been good over a two-year period.

At such a time as communists and other subversive elements are showing us what strength

there is in solidarity, it should be easy for us to take a leaf out of their own primer and build up an ever-growing unity in the ranks of our own profession.

St. Michael's Alumnae would also like to take advantage of the day to congratulate the parents of the graduates, to thank the sisters who have given unsparingly of their time through their ceaseless efforts toward the accomplishment of each nurse's goal. At the same time we wish to extend a cordial welcome to each new graduate into the Association of the Alumnae.



## TRAVELLERS

Ruth Barlow '45, and Margaret Sweeney '45, are on the general duty staff at Vancouver General Hospital.

Alice Haughey '42, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., was a recent visitor to St. Michael's.

Florence Gignac '27, was a recent visitor to St. Michael's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Fletcher (Alice Botting '36) and son Richard have left Montreal and are now located in Agincourt, Ont.

Joyce Simms '46, and Helen Sullivan '46, were recent visitors to St. Michael's.

K. Davidson and Helen Bradley spent the month of May on floor duty at St. Joseph's Hospital, Comox, B.C., before leaving for California.

Ethel Crocker spent a very enjoyable holiday recently in Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Virginia.

Mary Anne Griffin '44, was a recent visitor to St. Michael's.

Mrs. Wilfred D. Roache (Gertrude Heck '20) spent Easter week in Windsor.

Margaret McGarrell '38, spent her vacation in Ottawa with Mrs. James Neville (Margaret McDonnell '38). Her vacation coincided with the Marian Congress.

Compliments of

# VOGUE UNIFORMS





Dr. T. A. Robinson, Dr. G. Wilson, Dr. H. McPhedran Dr. F. Robert, Dr. D. Frawley

The above picture was taken at a banquet tendered these well known staff members of St. Michael's upon their resignation from staff responsibilities.

### DEDICATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Canadian Nurses' Association each sponsors a nation wide Rededication and Memorial Service, which serves as a Memorial for the nurses who lost their lives in World War I and II, as well as serving as a rededication to the ideals of the profession.

The service this year was held in St. Michael's Cathedral on May 4th. A capacity crowd filled the Cathedral where His Eminence Cardinal James C. McGuigan, was present in the Sanctuary. Rev. W. J. Dore, C.S.B., delivered the sermon.

Congratulations to Margaret Robertson '46, who has successfully completed her final year at the University of Western Ontario and has been awarded her Bachelor of Science degree.

Mrs. Helena McLarty Gregg won a washing machine on a lucky draw recently. Congratulations, Helena!

Congratulations to Sister St. Hugh (Veronica O'Leary '40), who received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto.

Lucille Riley has joined the staff of the Provincial Health Department and is stationed at Brockville, Ontario.



***We Extend Our Sympathy to - -***

Kathleen McCully '38, on the death of her mother.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Dixon on the death of their infant son.

Mary Cuttins, in the loss of both her father and brother.

Sister Jane Frances on the loss of her brother.

Ella Beardmore, whose father died recently.

Dorothy Bergin, whose mother died suddenly.

Oneta Vandebelt in the tragic death of her sister.

Mary Kane, whose father died recently.

Bernetta McLaughlin, whose mother died recently.

Helen Cronin and family whose sister Sheila died recently.

Gladys Gannon, in the loss of her father.

**IN MEMORIAM**

The death occurred recently of Mary Hawkins Tran of the class of 1923, after a long illness at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. The sympathy of all Alumnae members is extended to her husband and to Rev. Mother Bridget, a distant relative. R.I.P.

It is with regret as we go to press that we learn of the death of Rt. Rev. Michael Cline, D.P.; on June 28th at St. Michael's Hospital.

Monsignor Cline has been pastor at Holy Name Church since its inception in 1913 and a member of the Board of Governors of our Hospital since 1915. He was well known to St. Michael's nurses for his ministrations have touched many of their lives. R.I.P.

**UNDERGRADUATE NEWS**

In the last months, our days and nights have been full of school activities. The Sodality sponsored a school bingo. The prizes were abundant and interesting. Our April Sodality meeting featured the movie "The Eternal Gift," which I am sure gave all present a greater understanding of the Mass. Then again, on April 17th we had the privilege of another movie, this time "If I Had My Way"—which was thoroughly enjoyable. On the religious side, all the September classes were privileged to make a three day closed retreat, which was given by Rev. J. Hennessey, S.J. Father's conferences and stories gave us plenty to think about and to help us in the days to come. Another Sodality accomplishment was our beautiful Press Display, which brought us up to date on the Catholic Press.

On May 4th, our students participated in the National War Memorial and Dedication Service.

Then on May 8th, the graduates stepped into their own, with their Mass and Communion Breakfast. Next the grandest event of the year—the dream of all student nurses—GRADUATION DAY. All eyes were upon graduates who grasped their diplomas, red roses and bright future so tightly in their skilled hands. As a follow up came the crowning social event—the Graduation Dance, June 6th, in Eaton's Auditorium, with wonderful music and the usual wonderful time.

Now we are sending two representatives to Father Lord's Summer School to bring back new ideas for our Sodality, compare it with others, and increase our membership in order to bring about an even greater number of school activities in the near future.

As a project for June, we have everybody thoroughly and actively participating in summer holidays.

N. Dunn '49.



Dr. and Mrs. Philip Doyle (Mary MacDonell '36) and family have taken up permanent residence in Ottawa, Ont.

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## Graduating Class . . .

THIRD ROW—  
M. Llwyd, M. Carruthers, E. Doyle, Y. Miron, E. Woodbyrne,  
Murphy, S. Farrell, M. Cutler, T. M. Kelly, L. Staffen, E.  
kin, A. O'Leary.

### SECOND ROW—MIDDLE

M. Nowski, A. Brophy, B. McGarity, T. McKenna, M. Mate, B. Hornell, M. Legris, M. Gibbons, A. Maher, B. Hughes, S. Flynn,  
P. Wittig, L. Heffron, A. DesRoches, G. Glaschi, N. Vancleave, D. Curlook, M. Willsher, C. Leger, M. L. Murphy, M.  
McGarry, M. Hannon, P. Upshall.

## GRADUATION

The Fifty-third Annual Graduation Exercises of St. Michael's Hospital, School of Nursing took place in Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, on Tuesday, May 27th, 1947, when 67 nurses received their diplomas and pins. His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan was Honorary Chairman and Dr. Joseph A. Sullivan acted as Chairman. Organ selections were played by Mr. Quentin MacLean. Rev. E. L. Rush, C.S.B., gave the address to the Graduates.

Following the Graduation Exercises a reception was held in the Nurses' Residence for the relatives and friends of the new graduates. Later Benediction of the most blessed Sacrament in the hospital chapel ended the day.

Scholarships and Prizes were awarded as follows:

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES Graduating Class, 1947

1. SCHOLARSHIP FOR ONE YEAR'S POST GRADUATE WORK IN PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING. Given by the Women's Auxiliary to St. Michael's Hospital. Miss Patricia Wittig, St. Catharines, Ontario.

2. SCHOLARSHIP FOR POST GRADUATE WORK, given by the Alumnae Association of St. Michael's Hospital. Miss Stella Goodrow, Hamilton, Ontario.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST GRADUATE WORK IN OBSTETRICAL NURSING.

1. Miss Mary Flynn, Niagara Falls, Ont.
2. Miss Therese M. Kelly, Toronto, Ont.
3. Miss Patricia Upshall, Toronto, Ont.





W—BACK

M. Martin, T. B. Kelly, T. Neville, E. Griffin, J. MacKay, M. A. Hopkins, T. Hayes, B. Carr, S. Goodrow, M. Barry, M. Bran-

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#### FIRST ROW—FRONT

F. Sylvain, H. Korek, R. McIver, E. Meyers, E. Leslie, M. Crook, T. Charpentier, W. Meraw, T. Thurston, M. Funkhouser, M. Shannon, J. Tusch, R. Lee, S. Williams, M. Shepherd, R. Burns, L. Forestell, M. Collins, R. Bell, E. Spence, M. Flynn, L. LoPresti.

Absent: F. Coates

#### 4. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST GRADUATE WORK IN OPERATING ROOM NURSING.

1. Miss Monica Crook, Hanover, Ont.
2. Miss Margaret Hannon, Toronto, Ont.
3. Miss Maureen Shannon, Sutton West, Ont.

#### 5. SCHOLARSHIP FOR POST GRADUATE STUDY IN OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL NURSING.

Given by Doctor Joseph A. Sullivan. Miss Ann DesRoches, Penetang, Ont.

#### 6. HIGHEST STANDING IN OBSTETRICAL NURSING, given by Dr. D'Arcy Frawley.

Miss Burneice Carr, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### 7. THE DOCTOR GIDEON SILVERTHORNE MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY IN SURGICAL NURSING AND OPERATING ROOM TECHNIQUE.

Miss Eileen Woodbyrne, Toronto, Ont.

#### 8. THE DOCTOR R. J. DWYER MEMORIAL

#### PRIZE, given by Doctor J. Loudon for General Proficiency.

Miss Mary Nowski, Hudson Bay Junction, Saskatchewan.

#### 9. HIGHEST STANDING IN PRACTICAL NURSING, given by Doctor George Wilson.

Senior Class—Miss Teresa B. Kelly, Toronto, Ontario.

Intermediate Class—Miss Patricia Dennis, Toronto, Ontario.

Junior Class—Miss Rita Cuddihey, Timmins, Ontario.

#### 10. EFFICIENCY IN BEDSIDE NURSING, given by the Honourable Mr. F. J. Hughes, K.C., LL.D.

Miss Mary Willsher, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### 11. EFFICIENCY IN UROLOGICAL NURSING, given by Doctor G. S. Foulds.

Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Toronto, Ont.



# Atlantic City Congress Report

I have been asked by our editor to tell you of the International Congress of Nurses, held in Atlantic City, May 11-16, at which I had the honor and privilege of representing you, the Alumnae of St. Michael's Hospital.

In writing this, my sentiments are pride and gratitude—proud to represent the Alumnae of one of the largest Catholic General Hospitals on the continent, and grateful to you for giving me the opportunity of attending as your representative.

I have often wished to be twice to once, but here was a place I wished to be thrice to once.

I would like to share with you all the events of those five days. It is a big order for a short paper, but I'll do my best.

The International Council of Nurses was founded in London, England, in July, 1899, by Mrs. Ethel Gordon Fenwick, the then matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Mrs. Fenwick died in March, 1947, and a memorial service was held for her on the opening Sunday of the Congress.

The Council has now 28 affiliated associations, one of which, as you know, is the Canadian Nurses' Association, which incidentally was the third to become affiliated—Great Britain and the American Nurses' Association preceding.

The International Council of nurses is the oldest of all international organizations for professional workers in the world, and the nursing profession is still the only profession of women which is organized internationally.

Only once before had a Congress been held in the United States, in Buffalo in 1901. Since then, there have been congresses in Berlin, London, Cologne, Helsingfor, Montreal, Paris and again in London in 1937, which was the last because of the war.

You will agree, "that it has been the most momentous and swiftly changing ten years in the history of the world-war and it's wake, the advent of the atomic age, the United Nations, the world Health Organization, all of which has affected, and will continue to affect nurses and nursing."

Perhaps never before had there been such an opportunity for the nurses of the world to come together—the facilities, the rapidity and ease of travel; money perhaps was not too plentiful for some, but in many instances that difficulty was overcome—the means by which I will tell you of later. And so, to this Congress, from thirty-two nations, came members of National Nurses' Associations to the number of over six thousand.

Just a word about Atlantic City. It is situated on Abescon Island, a point in geography I didn't know, or if I ever did I had forgotten. However, I don't think Atlantic City was as famous in my

school days as it is now.

The island is ten miles long and at it's widest, a mile and a half. The streets running the length of the island, of which the board walk is one, are named for the oceans and seas of the world—Pacific, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic, Arctic, etc. The cross streets are named for the states of the Union, cities, and famous men. The streets are 13 blocks to the mile instead of the usual 8.

The means of transportation is, one board walk—the colored boy and his push cart; on Pacific Avenue—jitneys, the fare 10c; and on Atlantic Avenue—street cars, the fare 7c or a token—15 for a dollar. The year round population of Atlantic City is 64,000. 16% colored, the summer population is approximately a quarter of a million.

The Congress was held in the Convention Hall or the Hall of Congress, situated on the board walk. Completed in 1939, it is the largest in the world, and will accommodate the entire population of Atlantic City. The ball room above, has space for 2,000 couples to dance. The Congress Meetings were held in the General Assembly Room and the Ball Room.

The Congress opened on Sunday, May 11th, with Masses in the Catholic churches and services in the Protestant churches. Registration was from 1-4 Sunday afternoon, and, as I mentioned before, a memorial service for Mrs. Fenwick at five o'clock.

A special Congress Mass was said on Monday morning in St. Nicholas Church, the largest Catholic Church, which is under the direction of the Augustinian fathers, followed by a communion breakfast in the Columbus Hotel. Father Garesché, the well known Jesuit writer was the celebrant of the Mass, the preacher, and he also presided at the breakfast. Some of you may remember Father Garesché, he gave a retreat at St. Michael's some years ago.

The opening session on Monday was perhaps the most colorful and impressive, with Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen participating. Addresses of welcome were delivered by civic and state representatives, representatives of the army, public health service, American Hospital and American Medical Associations, and the World health organization—from the latter the executive secretary, Doctor Brock Chisholm, and last but not least, a message from President Truman.

Some of the topics of discussion at section meetings were the following—"Professional Education;" "Newer Developments in Nursing Education;" "Post-Graduate Nursing Education;" "The Responsibility for International Education of Nurses;" "The Shortage of Nurses and Methods to



meet it"; and I might say there was no magic wand for this; "Ethics of Nursing;" The Contribution of the Red Cross to Professional Nursing;" "Social Workers and Public Health Nurses;" "Nursing Groups other than State Registered Nurses;" "Nursing and World Organization in the Fields of Health, Education and Science."

In a report such as this, it is impossible to even touch on the content of all the papers. I would, however, like to refer to one or two, which I think would be of most interest to you. Before doing so, I would like to make a general comment—The Congress was truly Christian, God, faith, service, the patient, his physical, mental and spiritual welfare were stressed. The general theme of real nursing ran through the entire Congress.

I have mentioned Nursing Education under several topics—to me nursing education was presented in it's rightful perspective to the patient and his need. As some have said, "the care of the sick is real nursing;" "there is the danger that the modern nurse will know too much about text books, and acquire skill in satisfying examiners, and heaping up academic qualifications without becoming a true nurse." Don't misunderstand, the value of education was fully realized, and much was said about the nurse being prepared to take her place as a citizen, and make a contribution to world problems. But we were reminded that bedside care comes before specialization, and that bathing, feeding and making patients comfortable was still one of the highest arts of nursing. All knowledge is applicable at the bedside, and nursing is not a matter of degrees, as stated by a nurse from India.

Then comes the question of the shortage of nurses—as I said there was no panacea offered, some of the causes cited were, poor methods of education, low salaries, the general spirit of unrest, high marriage rate, new fields in nursing, and other fields for women. Apparently the shortage is much more acute in other countries. Miss Vanvoorhuzzen, matron of a hospital in Holland, said it might become necessary to adopt "work conscription" for girls in her country to overcome the drastic shortage of nurses. She admitted the dictatorial phase of this measure, but said the present situation demanded strong measures if the health of the nation was to be guarded. In some countries there was a trend in medical schools for girl students to take one year compulsory work in hospitals before entering University. Another delegate said all medical students were obliged to spend some time in hospital wards during their course. Apparently this has not been satisfactory—A Palestine delegate said "Once a doctor, never a nurse." Someone proposed an interchange of nurses between countries arranged through the I.C.N. as a means of meeting the

present day restlessness. Other suggestions were—increase schools, admit more students, home nursing courses, high school courses, married women for part time. In China, the married nurses make a real contribution to nursing. The delegate explained that because of the usual staff of servants in the homes of the wealthy, women were free, and were most generous in helping.

The American Medical Association was appointing a committee to study the nursing problem, to work jointly with a similar committee within the American Nursing Association.

The question of the nurse assistant came into two sessions, "The Shortage of Nurses" and "Nursing Groups other than Registered Nurses." A good deal of controversy pro and con followed the presentation of these topics. The consensus of opinion was, that it was not the ideal solution, if a solution at all, of the problem. The following opinions were expressed—they should not be called nurse assistants, there should not be grades of nursing; one speaker was so bold as to express it this way—"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and it is easier to keep them out of the profession now, than get them out later." Others were of the opinion they were a real necessity to meet the present, pressing situation of patient care.

A session which gave us all food for thought was "Nursing and World Organization in the Fields of Health, Education and Science." The most outstanding speaker was Hon. Aake Ording, a Norwegian delegate to the United Nations. He told the Congress that more than a third of the world's population is facing actual starvation, more than half is undernourished, that more than sixty million children and adolescents are depending on foreign relief for survival, and that the war against starvation has only just begun. He made a plea for the "Single Day's Work for Peace." A relief plan, adopted by UNESCO, March 29th, whereby everybody would contribute a day's pay or it's equivalent to conquer starvation. He reminded us that UNESCO was United Nations, Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization, and not a new biscuit as some one in America had told him. With some bitterness in his voice, he said, in his opinion there was irony in the explanation that transportation facilities were not available for food, when in the war years, there were ships, and more ships for war needs—ammunition, weapons and men.

The chief points brought out in the topic "Ethics of Nursing" was that half the population of the United States does not go to church; that moral training is the basis for ethics, and moral training comes from the home.

All the papers were in English, and I marvelled, and so did everyone else at the command of Eng-



lish, by the people from foreign countries. With very few exceptions, one had no difficulty understanding them. I am sure I would make no such job of their languages. There were monitors to act as interpreters, who wore arm bands denoting the language or languages they could interpret. Some of the delegates wore their gay native costumes which added color and interest.

The conferences referred to were held in the morning and afternoon. The evening sessions were given to what one might call entertainment.

On Monday night, the American Nurses' Association were hostesses at a formal reception at the Ambassador Hotel, and again on Tuesday evening we were their guests at a concert given by the Philadelphia Festival Orchestra. Wednesday evening there was the Florence Nightingale Oration, the awarding of the Adelaide Nutting plaque, and the presentation of citations to Miss Anna Goodrich, Honorary President, and Miss Lavina Dock, the first secretary of the I.C.N., ages 90 and 80 years respectively. The Lincoln University Male Chorus provided the music—this chorus is entirely colored—I forgot to say there were a number of colored nurses, and a few male nurses attending.

Thursday evening there were the so called "Friendship Dinners"—the churches throughout the city prepared dinners for a group or groups of nurses. District five R.N.A.O. sponsored a dinner at which 52 Ontario nurses were present.

The speaker at the session following the dinners was Owen Lattimer of Johns Hopkins University. His topic "The Three Worlds that Make One World."

One of the most colorful exhibit sections ever assembled for a nurses' convention was a feature of the Congress. An estimated \$1,000,000 worth of equipment and displays was brought to Atlantic City. Many foreign governments participated, not only for the purpose of greeting their own nationals, but also to extend to all delegates and visitors information about their respective countries. Canada had one of the finest—depicting all health services available to the Canadian family. A map showed the centres of population and the health services available there—a pictorial presentation of the method by which medical and nursing personnel are flown into inaccessible areas by air ambulance.

The Medical Mission Sisters whose mother house is in Philadelphia had a most attractive display. Their foundress, Mother Anna Dengal, a medical doctor, spent much time at the booths.

Sample seekers had a field day in the Exhibit Hall.

There were interesting and interested people—I have already mentioned Father Garesché and Mother Anna Dengal. Two Sisters came from Chicago, one of whom had lived with the recently canonized Mother Cabrini whose body is beneath

the altar of the Mother Cabrini High School, New York City. Miss Goodrich was always the centre of attraction, at one session she got up without notes and made a real speech. A Polish sister of the St. Vincent de Paul sisterhood was there, she had been twice up for court martial for aiding in the escape of soldiers.

Speaking of interested people, one nurse from B.C., came by bus, slept five nights in the bus. An enterprising group from London, Ontario, chartered a bus, making the trip in two days, for the return fare of \$25.00.

Many of the nurses from devastated countries had no money—they had been sent and financed by their governments, payments being made through UNRA. They used certificates for hotel bills, food, taxis, etc.

For sure, they thought they were in the land of plenty. Gladys Hardy, editor of the British Journal of Nursing, gave an interview to the Atlantic City press, which quoted her amazement of Atlantic City in the following—"the lights, the weather, the shops, the gaiety, the food, they bring a benediction."

To come a little nearer home, we saw Greta McAvoy and Margaret McMaster in Atlantic City, and Bertha Gibbons in New York, and talked to Dora Comission Hopper, all of whom sent their regards to St. Michael's friends.

May I say that it added much to the pleasure of my trip to have along Sister Mary Kathleen, Sister Matilda from St. Joseph's Hospital and the members of the Alumnae, Mary Chambers, Kay Cooney, Ruby Price, Mary Quinlan and Margaret Regan.

The weather—but for one day's rain, to my way of thinking, was perfect convention weather, cool with lots of sunshine. On the way home we saw what has been described as a a freak of nature and weather—ice floating down the Niagara River with nearby orchards in full bloom.

Well, all this adds up to something worthwhile, and I feel those attending would consider it one of the most interesting and richest experiences of their nursing lives, and I certainly share that opinion.

Sweden, June, 1949, will be the place and time of the next Congress, the invitation extended by Miss Gerda Hojer, the new president of the I.C.N., was enthusiastically accepted. A two year, as against a four year interval, was warmly debated. The question was finally settled by delegates who believed that "life is short, time passes quickly and too much is happening in the nursing world to justify waiting four years."

The year 1949 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the I.C.N. By that time, who knows, they may be chartering planes instead of busses, so the air minded St. Michael's nurses had better get ready to take off.

Grace Murphy.





## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weiler (Betty Belair) announce the arrival of their daughter, on May 19, 1947.

At Wiarton, Ont., on June 3, 1947, to Mrs. Doug. Symon (Lallie Bidwell '35) and the late Doug. Symon, a daughter, "Mary Louise."

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shames (Florence McElheran) announce the arrival of their son "Charles Joseph Shames," at Jackson, Michigan, on April 3rd, 1947.

On March 10, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cranston (Clara Bast '40), at St. Michael's Hospital, a daughter.

At St. Michael's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forrester (Marie O'Connor), a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Counter (Mary Kibsey '35) announce the arrival of their son, at St. Michael's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bundy (Greta MacLean '42) wish to announce the birth of a son, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on May 16, 1947.

At St. Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Ontario, on March 15, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMullen (Reta Moore) a son.

At St. Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Ont., on May 4, 1947, to Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Dixon (Barbara Howarth '44), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Garry (Carmel Patterson '33) announce the birth of their daughter at St. Michael's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Robinson (Isabelle Ennis '37), announce the birth of their daughter, at St. Michael's Hospital, on April 22, 1947.

At the Halifax Infirmary, Halifax, N.S., on March 5, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burke (Rita Caisse '41) a daughter, "Mary Rose."

At St. Michael's Hospital, to Dr. and Mrs. Vining (Bea Curtis), a son.

On March 9, 1947, at St. Michael's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Keyser (Mae Greene) a son.

On February 19, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piercy (Helen Shannon) the gift of a daughter, in Lindsay, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Blacklaws (Kathleen Stuart), announce the arrival of their daughter, on March 9, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hawker (Joe Kelly '39,) the gift of a daughter, at St. Michael's Hospital.

At St. Michael's Hospital, on March 31, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Blaver (Jane Meaden) the gift of a daughter, "Patricia Jane."

On March 19, 1947, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, to Dr. and Mrs. J. McCormack (Doris Vandervoort '36), a son.

On April 10, 1947, at St. Michael's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Doyle (Kay Cook) '29, the gift of a son.

At St. Michael's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Robertson (Glen Lee '40), a son.

## ON THE SICK LIST

Mary Stanton and Rose Scollen have been ill recently. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

We hope that Sister de Sales will soon be back after her recent illness.

The many friends of Barbara Higgins will be glad to know that she is home again and is very well after her stay in San.

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## WEDDINGS



**FROMM — MICHAUD** — In Holy Rosary Church, Thorold, Ont., on April 12, 1947, Marguerite Michaud '35, to Fred W. Fromm. They are residing in Toronto.

**BANNON—DAMON** — In Toronto, at St. Peter's Church, on May 17, 1947, Catherine Damon to Francis J. Bannon. They are residing at Burlington, Ont.

**THOMAS — MENEILLY**—On November 15, 1947, Amy Meneilly to Guy Thomas.

**KIRWIN — MOFFET** — In St. Clare's Church, Toronto, Ontario, on June 9, 1947, Kathleen Eleanor Moffet to Patrick James Kirwin. Rev. Father J. F. Kehoe officiated. The happy couple left for Montreal on their wedding trip.

**RICHER — HURTUBISE** — On April 8th, 1947, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterboro, Ontario, Madonna Rose Hurtubise to Jean Paul Richer. Rev. Father Peter Butler officiated. After a wedding trip to New York will take up residence in Timmins, Ont.

**McGUIRE — TONGUE** — In North Bay, Ontario, on June 2nd, Mary Tongue to John Joseph McGuire. They will reside in Sudbury, Ont.

**PUBLOW — BRANKIN** — In St. John's Church, Perth, Ontario, on June 28th, 1947, Mary Frances Brankin to Joseph Alfred Publow.

**WELLWOOD — LLOYD** — On May 28, 1947, in Wingham, Ontario, Margaret Louise Lloyd to Norman Joseph Wellman.

**RIDDELL — KRAFT** — On June 28th, 1947, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, Antoinette Kraft to Alex. Riddell.

**DUGGAN — McKEOWN** — On June 28, 1947, at St. Margaret's Church, Midland, Ont., Ruth McKeown to Dr. Francis Duggan.

**SMYTHE — DAVIES** — On April 7, 1947, in Park Road Baptist Church, Rose Davies to Arthur Smythe.

**KILGOUR — CURTIN** — In Welland, Ontario, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mary Curtin to Fred A. Kilgour, on February 1, 1947.

**TURNER — MCGINN** — On June 14, 1947, in Victoria, B.C., Kathryn McGinn to Anthony Turner.

**STEVENSON — KIRWIN** — On May 14, 1947, Paula Kirwin to Dr. Robert Stevenson.



## ENGAGEMENTS

Patricia McNeil to Donald McDonald. Plans indefinite.

Fay Mulligan '46, to Andre Revet. Plans indefinite.



Helen O'Rourke is now at the Red Cross Hospital, Nakina, Ont.



Mrs. Reg. Waller (Mamie Moriarity) has moved from Brantford to Toronto and is now located at 40 Annesley Avenue, MA. 8819. Her two little girls are attending school in Toronto.

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## OUT-OF-TOWN LETTERS

Watrous Union Hospital,  
Watrous, Saskatchewan.

Dear Sister Mary Kathleen:

I wanted you to know that I have taken a position as Matron in the small town of Watrous. The hospital is very old, but a new one will be under way as soon as the weather permits. I have 15 beds and 6 cots and there are two other nurses, a war aide and myself. Two of these are on nights and so it really keeps us well occupied during the day. We had our first operation the other night, an emergency, and I was really in a dither. I even deliver babies, if the doctor does not get here in time. It's wonderful experience.

One of our doctors was a student at the hospital, the other Dr. Stype, was a classmate of Dr. Loudon. Dr. Stype has the very well known mineral baths at Watrous Beach, which is just two miles from the town.

My sister has been quite ill since I arrived, but she's up and around now. I do miss St. Michael's and all the staff. Thank you for my wonderful training, Sister, I do appreciate it now.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth McGlashan '46

6491 Benvenue Ave.,  
Oakland, California.

Dear Sister Mary Kathleen:

This letter has been a long time hatching. I got out of the Army in February, 1946, and since that time have been flitting here and there. I have been out here two months and have decided to finish my degree at the University here, if I can get it. It would be easier to go back to Teacher's College in New York, but I'd rather stay here.

There are probably very few around St. Michael's who would remember me, but I would like to be remembered to Sister Colette, Sister Vincentia, Miss Berger and Dr. O'Leary when you see them.

My best regards to the Alumnae members,  
Yours,

Betty Kay Webster '33

Nurses' Residence,  
Vancouver General Hospital,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sister Mary Kathleen:

After a most beautiful trip through the Rockies, Miss Barlow and I have reached our destination in Vancouver. To date, we are very much impressed by the beauties surrounding us, though more favourable weather could have greeted us upon our arrival. However, we did manage to take a trip to Victoria our first day here and visited many scenic and historical sites.

Naturally, we visited St. Joseph's Hospital and the Sisters of St. Anne. The Supt. of Nurses was very kind and arranged a tour of the Nurses' Residence, and Hospital for us. The Residence houses over two hundred students and graduates and is surrounded by beautiful gardens.

My best regards to all at St. Michael's.

Sincerely,

Margaret Sweeney '45.

New York Infirmary,  
For Women and Children,  
321 East 15th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Sister Mary Kathleen:

This letter will no doubt be a surprise to you. I have a position in the nursing office here as Evening Supervisor. Margaret McEvoy, one of St. Michael's grads, is also on the staff here.

With best regards to all at St. Michael's,

Sophie Dobrowal McCullough '33



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**STEWARDESS IS HONORED**

(Taken from the Evening Telegram)

Miss Phyliss Harding, supervisory stewardess, central region, T.C.A., was honored when she was presented with a company pin marking five years of continuous service with the airline.

The ceremony was performed by Operations Manager J. H. Tudhope of Winnipeg, at a dinner attended by the supervisory staff of the regional operations department, with representatives present from as far as Fort William and Armstrong in the west and to Ottawa in the east, as well as from Chicago, Cleveland and New York.

Also present were representatives of the post office, Dept. of Transport and Canadian Customs. Miss Harding was the recipient of a bouquet of roses, presented to her by Capt. Frank I. Young on behalf of her colleagues. The dinner followed a one-day meeting of Central Region Operations Department supervisory staff in Toronto.

Mary Holden Hogan '36, of St. John's, Newfoundland, writes that they are all well and happy and is still interested in all the news of St. Michael's.



Misses Margaret Loftus and Marie Kraft '40, were hostesses at a party for Frances Brankin at which she was presented with an electric alarm clock.



Gertrude Duffy is now on the staff of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital.